

**Request for Proposal
Sweat Lodge
Building and Maintenance**

**Mishomis Wellness Center
Behavioral Health Department
Red Cliff, WI**

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August 15, 2016**



General:

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is issuing this Request for Proposal (this RFP) to identify candidates that will be able to build and maintain the Sweat Lodge located at the Mishomis Wellness Center. The lodge is to be built on Mishomis Wellness Center grounds, therefore it will be considered a program lodge. Meaning, Mishomis Wellness Center staff have the right to say who “pours” for the sweat lodge. Also, for example if a client or program within the Wellness Center would like a certain person or certain type of ceremony, Wellness staff will consider to allow their request. The Sweat Lodge will also be available to other tribal programs for ceremonies. An example is perhaps a Woman’s lodge ceremony conducted by a woman.

So, keep in mind that when the lodge is built, its purpose is to help all those in need and is to be looked upon as such in a good way. We are looking for an individual (s) who are experienced in the gathering and construction of a Sweat Lodge. This individual (s) will also be the keeper of the lodge on behalf of the Mishomis Wellness Center.

Overview:

The Red Cliff Reservation was created through a series of treaties between the U.S. Government and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (Red Cliff Band), the most recent being the treaty of 1854. The reservation is approximately one mile wide and 14 miles long, located at the top of the Bayfield Peninsula, on the shores of Lake Superior in northern Wisconsin. The village of Red Cliff, the location of tribal offices and businesses, is three miles north of Bayfield Wisconsin, a popular tourist community adjacent to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The reservation population is approximately 1100, primarily Native American.

The Red Cliff Reservation is governed by an elected nine member Tribal Council. The role and responsibilities of the Tribal Council have expanded considerably since the passing of the Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act of 1975. The Tribe administers approximately 120 programs, grants, and contracts and employed over 300 people in 2012.

The Red Cliff Community Health Center, located on the Red Cliff Reservation on State Highway 13, serves as a gathering place and a center for essential services to all who enter. Red Cliff Community Health Center is a full service clinic and offers both direct and community health care services. All Services are provided to American Indian people and their families, as well as the surrounding communities of Bayfield, Madeline Island, Washburn and Ashland.

RCCHC Mission:

The mission of the Red Cliff Community Health Center is compassionate health and wellness services centered on our customers, their families and our communities.

RCCHC Vision:

Complete and integrated services for healthy living.

Contract Term:

The selection of any proposal shall not imply acceptance by the Tribe of all terms of the Proposal, which may be subject to further negotiation and approvals before the Tribe may be legally bound thereby. If a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking proposal in a reasonable time the Tribal Council in its sole discretion may terminate negotiations with the recommended Proposer and begin contract negotiations with the next highest ranked proposal.

Expected Timeline:

RFP is issued by the Tribe		August 3, 2016
Proposals due	12:00 Noon	September 1, 2016
Selection of vendor		September 15, 2015
Contract development & approval		September 22, 2016
Service Start Date		Day after signed contract

Submission Requirements:

1. Contractor will need to pass a background check.
2. Contractor will need to submit a budget consisting of cost to build sweat lodge including labor/materials, cost to maintain and run sweat lodge – including monthly cost of wood and care of maintaining ceremonial grounds.

This RFP will serve as the organizations request for further information and a proposal from vendors to meet the needs of the practice.

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